(c) if not, by when the above work is expected to be completed to make it safe for all weather?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) During heavy rains, some stretches of Assam —Agartala road (NH-44] mostly near Agartala, get flooded for short periods. However, this does not happen every year.

(b) and (c) 78 such bridges, out of 137, have been replaced by RCC bridges. The remaining bridges are proposed ta be replaced by RCC bridges in a phased manner by 94-95, subject to the availability of funds.

Appointment in Group 'D' posts in the Central Ordnance Depot, Delhi

1786. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some selection in Group 'D' posts (labourer) have been made in the Central Ordnance Depot, Delhi Cantt., Central Vehicle Depot, Delhi Cantt, and Ordnance De pot, Shakurbasti, New Delhi in the yearns 1990, 1991 and 1992 in the reserve cate gories of *SC* and ST;

(b) if so, whether the selected candidates are still awaiting to join their duties;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action is contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Selected candidates would be allowed to join after clearance of Ministry of Finance has been obtained.

Rusting of IAF Chassis

1787. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in Indian Express dated 28th May, 1992 regarding rusting of IAF chassis worth Rs. 7 crores;

(b) if so, what is the factual position; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 105 vehicle chassis were procured from M/s Ashok Layland for mounting certain systems thereon. As M/s BEL could not adhere to their earlier envisaged Production Plan, to supply the required systems, 87 of the chassis. are held in storage and properly maintained. No chassis is missing.

रोहतांग सुरंग संबंधी व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट

1788. **श्री सुशील बरोंगपा :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रोहतांग सुरंग की व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट अब तैयार हो चुकी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पंवार) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) संविदा की शर्तों के अनुसार, मैसर्स राइट्स द्वारा व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट का प्रथम चरण दिसम्बर, 1993 तक प्रस्तुत किया जाना है।

Danapur Repair of roads of Cantonment

1789. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dug. to floods during 1971, 1975 and 1987, roads, drains in ward No. 5 and 7 of the Danapur Cantonment Board (Bihar) were badly damaged; and

(b) if so, whether the Union Government would take action to repair them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government had sanctioned special grants-inr-aid of Rs. 6,77,338 and Rs. 42.000 to Danapur Cantonment Board in 1985-86 for repair of roads and drains, respectively, and Rs. 6,86,292 during 1990-91 for repair of roads.

Insanitarion in Danapur Cantonment

1790. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Danapur Cantonment (Bihar) is in very bad state due to irregular sanitation of roads, drain and night soil and stored rubbish not being removed; and

(b) if so, whether the practice of Army Health Officer's visit to Cantonment Area and submitting report to the Board, has been followed during the last three years, upto the 22nd June, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The state of sanitation ,roads and drains and arrangements for removal of garbage at Danapur Cantonment, are not quite satisfactory. This is partly due to the very large floating population and the Cantonment Board being financially reficit and thus dependent on grants-in-aid from the Centre even for meeting the normal maintenance requirements. The Board, within the available resources, has made arrangements for regular clearing of night soil and removal of rubbish. The Board has provided public group latrines having 45 seate. Besides 50 more group latrine seats which were constructed under the Ganga Action Plan have now been handed over to the Cantonment Board for maintenance. Due to budgetary constraints, additional posts of Safai Karamcharies could not be sanctioned. The Board has 3 trucks and one night soil tanker. One Sanitary Inspector, one Jamadar and 67 Safai Karmcharies are employed on civil conservancy.

An Assistant Health Officer, who is a Military Officer of the Cantonment, visits the Cantonment regularly and submits a Monthly Health Report, as required under the Cantonments Act, to the Board.

Cheating by Defence Official

1791. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appear ing in the Indian Express, New Delhi edition dated the 1st July, 1992 narrat ing the story of a poor man from Orrisa who was cheated by the Manager (Per sonnel and Administration) of Bharat Dynamics Limited by taking his kidney on the assurance of offering him a permanent job in the company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.